WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:
Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Colin Graham, Stephen Scott, Maureen Palmer.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:
Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Jimmy Hunter, Eileen Smith, Rev. John Scorer, Rachel Paterson, Val Judson, Victoria Harper, Gillian Butler, Jean Cowe, Elsie Smith, Judith Poyzer.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
Ashley Powell, Marjorie Snowdon.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:
Robert Snowdon, John Marais, Linda Brady, May Corrigan, Edith Barnett, Margaret Ramshaw, Isabella Bell, James Ranson, Julia Oakley, Doris Atkinson, Denis Powell, Keith Laybourne, Lilian Paterson, Brian Harrison, Theresa Taylor, Alma Marshall.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1 December
10.00am Holy Communion in church
11.00am Churchyard Prayers (in person and on Facebook)
1.30pm Funeral Ashley Powell
7.00pm Quiz Night (online)

Wednesday 2 December
9.30am Trinity Tots
7.00pm Iona Service

Thursday 3 December
7.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 6 December – Second Sunday of Advent
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir
6.00pm Remembering with Hope and Light

Bible Readings for next Sunday:
Reading 2 Peter 3.8-15a
Gospel Reading Mark 1.1-8

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ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY **08.00am** **Holy Communion in church**
10.00am **Holy Communion in church and with choir**

TUESDAY **10.00am** **Holy Communion** in church

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us
sleeping in sin but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST BIBLE READING **1 Corinthians 1.3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING **Mark 13.24-end**

Alleluia, Alleluia
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Foodbank Sunday
Next Sunday is our regular Foodbank Sunday. All donations of tinned, jar and packet foods and toiletries are welcomed by Washington Community Food Project, and carrier bags are always in short supply.

Remembering with Hope and Light - Sunday 6 December 6pm
Our Remembering with Hope and Light Service gives our congregation and the wider community a space and time to remember our loved ones before God and to see their names written at the foot of the cross of light. Families who have come to Holy Trinity in the past two years for the funeral of a loved one will receive a letter inviting them to this service. **Similar forms are now available for members of the congregation to submit names to be remembered too. There are also additional invitations to be distributed among neighbours or families that have appreciated this service in the past – or have had a funeral elsewhere. If you know of someone who might value an invitation, please take one for them from the back of church.**
At the service this year, we will also continue to support two local charities:

- St Benedict's Hospice in Sunderland
- Washington Mind – the mental health charity.

During the service, there will be an opportunity to give a donation to these two worthwhile charities, but it is not necessary to donate to have your loved one's name published. If you would prefer to donate before the service, this can be done through the church account with the reference "Hope and Light", or by enclosing a donation when you return your form. A reminder that our Church account is:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington
Sort code 09-01-29
Account no. 12650840
ALL FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT THE LATEST

Donations in lieu of Christmas Cards
This year, we are again collecting donations for Wateraid in lieu of sending Christmas cards to our church family. If you would like your name/s published in the weekly sheet in the issues around Christmas, please pass your name/s and donation to Judith in the office. Alternatively, donations can be made direct to our bank account using "Wateraid" as the reference:
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity Washington
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Please still pass your name/s to the office if you donate in this way. Thank you.

Christmas Fair
Now that all monies have been added up, we can report that a magnificent total of £1212.15 was raised at our Christmas Fair! Huge thanks to everyone who took part in any way to make the event such a success.

Ashley Powell Funeral
For those who would like to attend, Ashley's funeral service is in church on Tuesday 1st December at 1.30pm, then Birtley Crematorium at 2.30pm.

Mothers Union reminders
7 Dec - hopefully you've all paid for your Christmas lunch and the bus by now. Bus will be leaving church 11.45 PROMPT. If you want to be involved in the bran tub - you'll need a wrapped gift value @ £5 and £2 on the day to participate.
14 Dec - our carol service - we need donations of mince pies and choccy biscuits for refreshments afterwards and some wrapped raffle prizes but, more importantly, we need as big a congregation as possible please, both from our church family and your family and friends because it will be a lovely Christmassy afternoon with plenty of carols led by Inspire Choir and readings telling the wonder of our Saviour's birth. Please join us xx

Christmas Raffle
Our Christmas Raffle is live and we are asking our congregation to help with the sale of tickets. Please collect some from the back of church. We have changed the pricing this year with a book of 5 tickets at £1.00 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 20th December. Many thanks.

Advent and Christmas Events
Please help yourself to flyers containing details of everything going on here over the coming weeks. Share them with your friends and neighbours, especially those who may not even know we are here for them.

Closures – advance notice
As Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, the Bishop of Durham has agreed that a service does not need to be held on Sunday 27th December. There will therefore be no services here that day.
There will also be no services on Sunday 21st February. This is due to road closures around the village and the wider Washington area for a new Washington 10k run event. Vehicular access will be impossible and PCC have taken the decision to cancel services due to this.

New kitchen and toilet facilities
Exciting news! We finally have dates for the works to be done on our new kitchen and toilet facilities. These will begin on Monday 4th January and should take 4-5 weeks to complete. The intention is that there will be a working toilet throughout the works, but other facilities will be limited.
All normal services and events should be able to continue throughout, but there may be a bit of mess. The outcome will definitely be worth any short term inconvenience though!

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email office.htcw@gmail.com to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm
All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press *6 to talk to us.